



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a grant in the amount of \$903,289.00 from the federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and to appropriate the total amount of the grant from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Franklin County Municipal Court.

This funding is provided through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) to continue, expand and enhance the Court's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program- an innovative and effective collaborative effort among Franklin County and City of Columbus justice and government stakeholders. Grant funds would continue to support the positions of MAT Project Manager, and one Community Case Manager. Enhancements would add an additional Community Case Manager and a contracted Peer Support Specialist to significantly increase the capacity of the program, opening more days to in-custody referrals, and facilitating the offering of a full time behavioral health walk-in clinic.

**Emergency Legislation** is requested so that the grant funds can be utilized as soon as possible.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$903,289.00 will be expended from the General Government Grant Fund; no match is required.

To authorize and direct the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a grant award from the federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance; to appropriate \$903,289.00 from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Franklin County Municipal Court in order to continue, expand and enhance the Court's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program; and to declare an emergency. (\$903,289.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is in the city's best interest that the Franklin County Municipal Court receive support to continue the Court's Medication Assisted Treatment Program in response to the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program; and

**WHEREAS**, grant monies from the federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$903,289.00 are available to provide continuation to MAT services; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to approve the acceptance of this grant so that the grant funds can be used as soon as possible; now, therefore,

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the amount of \$903,289.00 from the federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

**SECTION 2.** Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated. That from the unappropriated balance in the general government grant fund, fund 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and appropriated for any other purpose during the months ending September 30, 2023, the

sum of \$903,289.00 is appropriated to the Franklin County Municipal Court.

**SECTION 3.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 4.** At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grant is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements

**SECTION 5.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble herein, which are made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither vetoes nor approves the same.